1	2	3	4	5
North Zone	998	0	26	1
South Zone	5230	4	313	23
West Zone	878	87	49	6
TOTAL	8005	536	457	49

(b) The number of prosecution cases pending in courts for over five years are as following:

East Zone	9363
North Zone	5933
South Zone	7079
West Zone	13135
TOTAL	35510

Progress of the pending cases is regularly monitored by Head Office of Employees Provident Fund Organisation. Standing counsels have been impressed upon to get expeditious disposal of the cases and prayers are made to Hon'ble courts accordingly.

New rules about service conditions of daily wagers

†1596. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed Government to formulate new rules about service conditions for daily wagers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the basis of Supreme Court's directive?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Social welfare schemes for beedi workers in Rajasthan

1597. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beedi workers who have received benefit under Social Welfare Schemes in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the benefits received by them, indicating the cost thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that better implementation of Social Welfare Schemes is needed;

(d) if so, the details of the changes proposed;

(e) whether Child Labour is employed for beedi manufacture; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) (i) Total 31,736 beedi workers are identified in Rajasthan State.

(ii) Total 3,15,402 beedi workers and their dependents have been benefited during the year 2005-06 as under:

(a) Total patients treated in LWO dispensaries—284171

(b) Workers covered under Group Insurance Scheme—20000

(c) Benefit granted under other various welfare schemes—506

(b) The details of benefits given during the year 2005-06 are enclosed as Statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) All efforts are made to ensure appropriate implementation of the schemes. However, from time to time changes are brought about as per the need of the hour.